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1. The central supply depot at Prossen, a former German supply depot which measured about 1,000 x 80 meters was located about 90 meters from the Elbe River bank, about 1 km west of Bad Schandau, 100 meters south of the Prossen-Bad Schandau road, north of the Dresden-Bad Schandau railroad line. Two single-track spur tracks led to the individual warehouses in the installation. The two main tracks ran to the shunting station which was located about 1 kilometer north of the installation and which maintained the connection to the Bad Schandau-Dresden railroad line via Rathmannsdorf. Warehouses 11, 12 and 13 as well as the quarters were heated by a central system.
2. The depot area was surrounded by a board fence and guarded from four watch towers mounting searchlights, telephone sets and alarm devices, which were occupied around the clock by a permanent guard detail of 1 officer, 20 NCOs and a number of EM. The depot was occupied by a headquarters and a guard unit totalling about 66 officers, 26 NCOs and 99 EM and about 250 civilian workers. Captain Mauff (fnu) was depot commandant and Major Walter (fnu) his deputy. The motor pool of the depot included 8 Diesel trucks, 2 BMW sedans, 1 ambulance, 1 van-like truck, 1 BMW heavy motorcycle, 1 Diesel locomotive for shunting operations, 8 electric carts, 8 radio trucks and 4 repair shop trucks.
3. All KVP and VP offices were to be served by the depot at Prossen. KVP offices among those supplied by the depot included Loebau, Berlin, Prora, Dresden, Cottbus and Eggesin. Supply was dispatched by rail or picked up directly by truck by the troops.
4. Another branch depot of the central supply depot was located in a school at Koenigstein Fortress. It stored about 30,000 rain coats and an undetermined number of old blue uniforms since July 1953.
5. The following articles of supply were stored in the Prossen central supply depot:

## Section 1, building No 13:

Fourth underground floor: unusable because of subsoil water  
 Third underground floor: shoemaker's material and equipment including about 100 tons of rubber bales and about 90 tons of material for rain coats

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Second underground floor: completed leather articles including about 10,000 pair of officer boots and 15,000 pair of EM boots, 15,000 pair of buckle shoes, 1,000 pair of ladies' shoes, 20,000 pair of half-boots, 23,500 pair of sporting shoes, 20,000 belts and [ ] map pouches;

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First underground floor: soling machines and pasting machine for shoemaker's shop, grinding devices, 1,000 canteen covers, 1,000 field bags and 1,000 rucksacks;

Ground floor: Loading place;

Second floor: about 10,000 khaki winter uniforms for officers, 20,000 khaki winter uniforms for EM, 300 khaki summer uniforms for officers, 10,000 khaki summer uniforms for EM, 1,500 blue uniforms for the VPS, 1,000 fatigue uniforms for EM, 20,000 khaki coats for EM, 1,500 blue coats for the VPS, 4,000 pair of epaulets including 500 red-bordered khaki epaulets for the infantry, 500 khaki epaulets for the artillery, 500 dark-blue and black-bordered khaki epaulets for the tank troops, 500 yellow and black-bordered khaki epaulets for the signal troops, 500 green-bordered khaki epaulets for the DGF, 500 dark-green-bordered khaki epaulets for the supply troops, 500 light-blue-bordered khaki epaulets for the VII and 500 black-bordered khaki epaulets for motor transport troops, uniform buttons, stars for epaulets and collar patches, and silver gulls for the flying personnel of the VPI;

Third floor: about 10,000 woolen blankets, 30,000 bed sheets, 40,000 towels and 80,000 drawers;

Fourth floor: 70,000 summer shirts, 50,000 winter shirts, 80,000 sport shirts, 60,000 green sport shorts, 50,000 sets of sport suits consisting of colored shirts, trousers and leggings, and 50,000 woolen blankets;

Fifth floor: ladies' dresses, underwear and about 125 bales of blue cloth for the VPS and white linen and 175 bales of cloth for flags;

Sixth floor: defective uniforms, underwear, blankets and about 20,000 visor caps;

Section 1a, building No 14: propaganda material, such as pictures of Hieck and Marx, about 150 bales of sackcloth and 1,000 new khaki shirts;

Section 1a, building No 15: about 50,000 old, blue VP uniforms and 20,000 old, blue VP overcoats;

Section 1a, building No 16: about 80,000 pair of old shoes and boots, old, heavily soiled blue VP uniforms, overcoats, khaki shirts and fatigue uniforms;

Section 2, building No 12:

Fourth underground floor: unusable because of subsoil water ;

Third underground floor: about 100 to 120 field kitchens, apparently new, without limbers and fitted with pneumatic tires, similar to those of the former German Army;

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Second underground floor: about 50 field kitchens of the type mentioned above, 60 one-axle, pneumatic-tired trailers, each with a 500-liter water tank for field bakeries, and 60 accumulators for Diesel-driven bakeries;

Ground floor: loading room;

Second floor: about 600 wardrobes for officers, each 120 cm wide, 1,000 wardrobes for EM, and 100 safes;

Two rooms of the second floor were used as breakfast rooms for civilian workers;

Third floor: 12 offices of the central supply depot, 1 clubroom, ordnance room, and a room with athletic equipment, such as boxing equipment, footballs and handballs;

Fourth floor: 10 dormitories with about 8,000 disassembled metal double-decker bunks and 2,000 wooden night tables;

Fifth floor: 15,000 three-sectional mattresses;

Sixth floor: about 5,000 three-sectional mattresses and 100 arm chairs;

Section 2a, building No 6: old furniture from various offices;

Section 2a, building No 7: about 30,000 woolen blankets;

Section 3, building No 11:

Fourth underground floor: unusable because of subsoil water;

Third underground floor: about 40 new field kitchens without linbers and provided with pneumatic tires and bakery equipment;

Second underground floor: crockery and about 2,000 canteens;

First underground floor: about 150 electric tipping pans, 100 other pans for gas hearths, 80 large boilers and a [ ] number 25X1 of other pots;

Ground floor: about 70 electric cooking machines and other cooking machines for gas hearths;

Second floor: about 350 bath tubs and bathroom stoves, 300 bread and sausage cutting machines, 120 potato peeling machines, 60 dishwashing machines and 400 large zinc tubs;

Third and fourth floor: about 1,500 tarpaulins and 4,500 tents, each for 30 to 60 men;

Fifth floor: office material including about 80 typewriters and 80 electric counting machines, card boxes and book shelves, electric bulbs and installation material;

Sixth floor: about 1,000 coffee kettles and 800 water cans;

About 100 new, pneumatic-tired field bakeries covered by tarpaulins and about 30 new field kitchens without linbers and pneumatic tires stood at the depot. A sketch of the installation was made. (See annex.)

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6. [ ] a weapon, material and clothing depot for the KVP had been established in Irossen near Bad Schandau. The depot was provided with a spur track leading to the Pirna-Bad Schandau railroad line. In September 1953, a field kitchen was dispatched from the depot for shipment to Heringendorf. The supply installation was to serve all KVP posts in East Germany.

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[ ] Comment. The central supply depot, a Depot Class II, of the KVP in Irossen  
[ ] The installation supplies all KVP posts.

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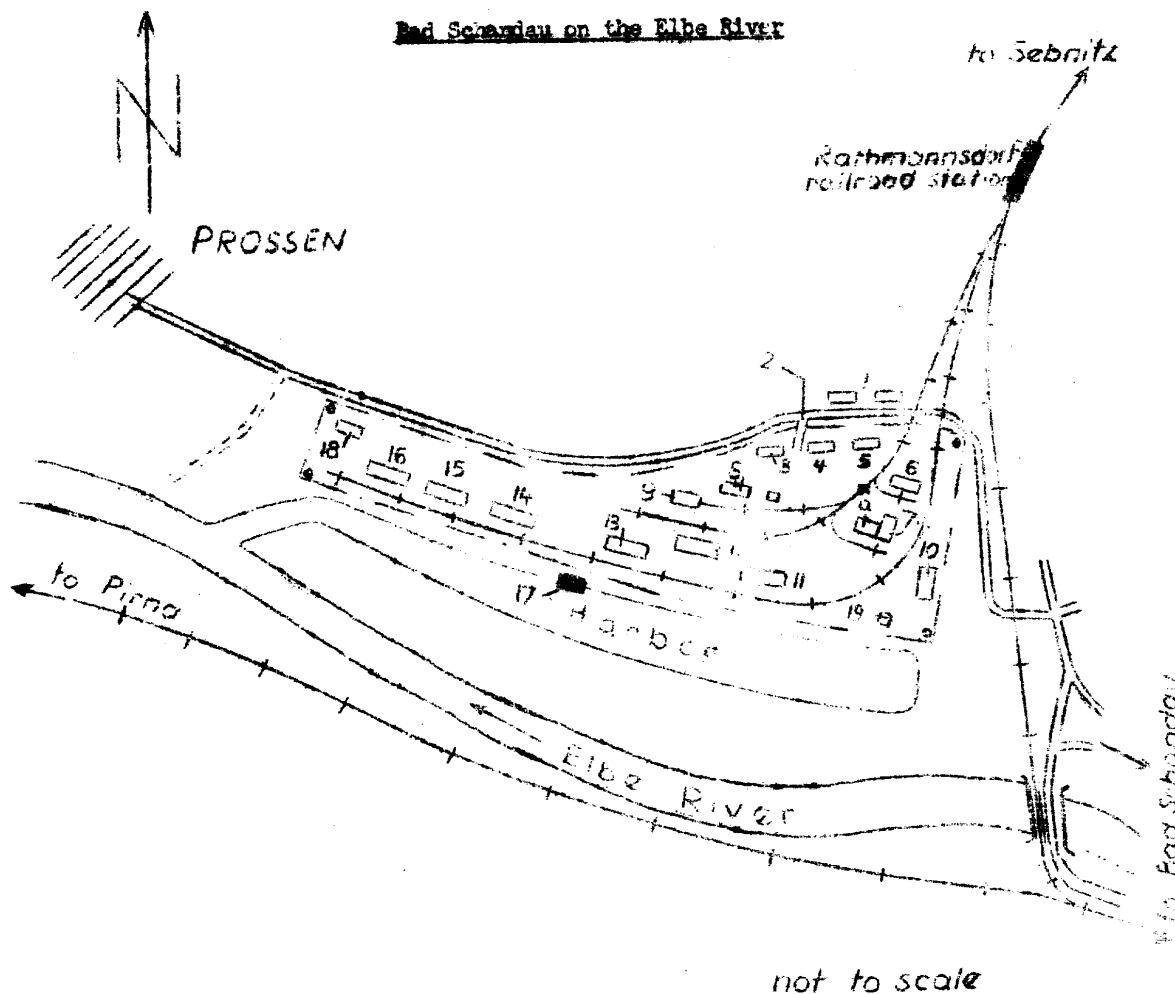
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Annex

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Central KVI Supply Depot (Depot Class II) in Prossen near

Bad Schandau on the Elbe River



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Central KVP Supply Depot (Depot Class II) in Prossen near  
Bad Scharben on the Elbe River

**Legend:**

- 1 Two permanent three-story officers' billets, each 40 x 20 meters
- 2 Main entrance with sentries
- 3 Permanent building, 80 x 30 meters, including a kitchen with messhall, and dispatch offices occupied by about 15 officers
- 4 Wooden temporary building, 80 x 30 meters, with guard office and quarters of the guard company
- 5 Permanent garage, 80 x 30 meters, with 12 entrances
- 6 Permanent building, 60 x 30 meters, in Section 2a
- 7 Low, temporary brick building, 50 x 20 meters, in Section 2a
- 7a Permanent garage, 40 x 20 meters
- 8 Permanent garage, 40 x 20 meters, with truck of the fire brigade and detention room
- 9 Shed for Diesel locomotive
- 10 Dog kennel for 12 dogs and kitchen for dogs' food
- 11 Section 3, permanent warehouse, 80 x 30 meters, with four stories underground and 6 stories above ground and 3 elevators, each with a carrying capacity of 25 persons, and central heating installation
- 12 Section 2, warehouse as described under 11
- 13 Section 1, warehouse as described under 11
- 14 Permanent house, 60 x 30 meters )
- 15 Permanent house, 60 x 30 meters ) Section 1a
- 16 Permanent house, 60 x 30 meters )
- 17 Former landing stage, with the cranes having been dismantled in 1945
- 18 Service station with two hand pumps
- 19 Wooden ammunition box, 2 m x 1 meters

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